

HOUSE BILL 2142
By Clabough

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(4)(A) and (5)(A), relative to judges and chancellors in the fourth and fifth judicial districts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506, is amended by deleting subsection (4) (A) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(4)(A) The fourth judicial district consists of the counties of Cocke, Grainger, Jefferson and Sevier. The three (3) incumbent trial court judges and the district attorney general currently residing in such counties shall continue to serve the fourth judicial district in their respective capacities. In 1990, the qualified voters of the fourth judicial district shall elect an additional circuit court judge in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505 to serve part III of the circuit court of such district. Effective September 1, 1998, there is created an additional circuit court in the fourth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the fourth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve as judge of the circuit court created by this section for an eight-year term;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(5)(A), is amended by deleting the semicolon “;” at the end of subsection (5)(A) and substituting instead a period “.” and by adding the following to the end of such subsection:

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Effective September 1, 1998, there is created the position of chancellor in the fifth judicial district. At the August 1998 general election, the qualified voters of the fifth judicial district shall elect a person in accordance with the provisions of § 16-2-505, to serve as chancellor of such district for an eight (8) year term. The person elected to fill the position of chancellor shall have concurrent circuit court jurisdiction and shall hear both law and equity cases;

SECTION 3. Any person seeking the office of chancellor of the fourth judicial district at the August 1998 general election shall qualify for and seek election to such office only in those counties that comprise the fourth judicial district according to the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-2-506(4)(A).

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act shall take effect on September 1, 1998. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect on January 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.